

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Codes and Standards Committee

Monday, October 16, 2017

9:45 a.m.

Glen Allen, VA

Members Present

John Ainslie
J.P. Carr
Robby Dawson
Sean Farrell
Helen Hardiman
Abigail Johnson
Rich Napier
Shekar Narasimhan
Jeff Sadler
Steve Semones
Patty Shields
Tommy Shields

Members Absent

Earl Reynolds

Call to Order

Mr. J.P. Carr, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Carr noted that there would not be public comment during the committee meeting, though the chair may recognize members of the audience for limited comment on specific items. It was noted that any action taken by this committee will be presented as a recommendation to the Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting of the committee; the motion passed.

Review of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee Recommendation on the Final Regulations for the SFPC

Mr. Carr stated that the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) Development Committee met prior to this committee meeting to discuss and make a recommendation regarding the final regulations for the SFPC. Mr. Carr stated that the committee did not provide a recommendation.

Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of Building and Fire

Regulations at DHCD, presented the final regulations based on the approved proposals made by the committee from the September meeting.

Mr. Robby Dawson expressed concerns with the definition of maintained as outlined in section 202 of the SFPC. Mr. Sean Farrell disagreed and said that it was discussed at length and agreed to by the workgroup.

Mr. John Ainslie stated that section 301.3 of the SFPC concerning certificate of occupancy may be a burden to localities and that the language should be changed from shall to may. Mr. Ainslie made a motion to recommend approval of the SFPC with the amendment of section 301.3, Mr. Shekar Narasimhan seconded, the motion passed.

Review of Final Regulations to the USBC

Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of Building and Fire Regulations of DHCD, presented the final regulations based on the approved proposals by the committee concerning the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

There was discussion over certain failed proposals from the previous meeting. Since the proposals failed they were not included as part of the regulations as presented. Mr. Narasimhan moved to reconsider proposal number CR-E3902.16 regarding arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCI), Ms. Helen Hardiman seconded, and the motion to reconsider passed.

Mr. Narasimhan moved for the approval of proposal number CR-E3902.16 which was seconded by Mr. Dawson. After some discussion, the motion failed.

The Attorney General's office expressed concern over section 106.4 of the USBC pertaining to communication within local governments. Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the regulations without section 106.4, Mr. Ainslie seconded, and the motion passed.

*Ms. Abigail Johnson arrived to the meeting.

Review of final regulations for the IBSR

Ms. Davis presented the final regulations based on the approved proposals by the committee concerning the Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR). Mr. Ainslie made a motion to approve the regulations, Ms. Patty Shields seconded, and the motion passed.

Review of final regulations for the VADR

Ms. Davis presented the final regulations based on the approved proposals by the committee concerning the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR). Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the regulations which was seconded and passed.

Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned